### Investigation of four Cd(II) sulfonate complexes: crystal structure,

## Hirshfeld surface analysis, thermogravimetric and spectroscopic

# properties

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**Fig. S1**  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions in complex **2**.



**Fig. S2**  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions in complex **3**.



**Fig. S3**  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions in complex **4**.



Fig. S4 2D fingerprint plots for Hirshfeld surface of complex 1.



Fig. S5 2D fingerprint plots for Hirshfeld surface of complex 2.



Fig. S6 2D fingerprint plots for Hirshfeld surface of complex 3.



Fig. S7 2D fingerprint plots for Hirshfeld surface of complex 4.

#### **Powder X-ray Diffraction**

The obtained powder samples were analyzed at room temperature on a DX-2700 X-ray diffractometer (Cu K $\alpha$ ,  $\lambda$ =1.54184 Å) with a scanning angle range of 2 $\theta$  = 5-60°, the scanning step was 0.02°. And Mercury software was used to simulate the powder X-ray spectrum of the compound based on the data obtained from single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The positions of the diffraction peaks in the experimentally obtained spectra and those in the simulated spectra are basically consistent as shown in Fig. S8, indicating that the compounds are pure phases. And the difference in diffraction intensity is mainly caused by the different orientations preferred by the powder samples in collecting diffraction data.



Fig. S8 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of complexes 1-4.

#### IR spectroscopy:



Fig. S9 IR spectroscopy of complexes 1-4.



Fig. S10 IR spectroscopy of free ligands.

Aggionmonta	Frequencies /cm <sup>-1</sup>				
Assignments	$HL_1$	HL <sub>2</sub>	HL <sub>3</sub>	4,4'-bipy	THU
$v_{\rm N-H/O-H}$	3031	3512, 3440,	3062, 3044		3365, 3260,
		3058			3151
$v_{\rm C-H}$	2941	2940	2838	3025	
$v_{c=c/c=n}$	1595, 1493	1640, 1609	1629, 1602,	1587, 1530	
$\delta_{ m N-H}$			1575, 1546		1603, 1462
$\mathcal{V}_C = s$					1401
$v_{\rm C-N}$		1339, 1214,	1319, 1240,	1325, 1218,	1075
$\mathcal{V}_{as}(\mathrm{SO}_{3})$	1169, 1093,	1171, 1104	1152, 1108		
$\mathcal{V}_{S}(\mathrm{SO}_{3})$	1030, 998	1041, 1005	1032, 1004,		
$\delta$ <sub>C—H</sub>	846, 812,	821, 756	829, 681	852, 804,	
	705			733	
$Cd(NO_3)_2 \cdot 4H_2O, Cd(Ac)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$ :					
$\mathcal{V}_{as}$ (NO <sub>3</sub> -)	1411, 1296				
$\mathcal{V}$ (COO <sup>-</sup> )	1525, 1438				

Table. S1 Assignments for ligands:

complex 1			
Cd(1)-O(1)	2.4321(12)	S(1)-O(2)#2	1.4624(12)
Cd(1)-O(1)#1	2.4321(12)	S(1)-O(3)	1.4601 (12)
Cd(1)-O(2)	2.4141(12)	O(1)-Cd(1)-S(2) #1	80.96(3)
Cd(1)-O(2)#1	2.4141(12)	O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(1)	85.25(4)
Cd(1)-S(2)	2.4988(4)	O(2)#1-Cd(1)-S(2) #1	89.92(3)
Cd(1)-S(2)#1	2.4988(4)	O(1)-S(1)-O(3)	111.48(7)
S(1)-O(1)	1.4591(12)	O(1)-S(1)-O(2)#1	112.66(7)
complex 2			
Cd(1)-O(1)	2.365(5)	O(6)-S(1)-O(5)	112.6(3)
Cd(1)-O(2)	2.482(5)	O(7)-S(1)-O(5)	111.0(3)
Cd(1)-O(3)	2.470(4)	O(7)-S(1)-O(6)	113.1(3)
Cd(1)-N(2)	2.397(5)	N(4)-Cd(1)-O(1)	90.31(18)
Cd(1)-N(4)	2.283(6)	N(4)-Cd(1)-O(2)	90.7(2)
Cd(1)-N(5)#1	2.283(6)	N(4)-Cd(1)-O(3)	87.52(17)
S(1)-O(5)	1.467(5)	N(4)-Cd(1)-O(5)	87.73(17)
S(1)-O(6)	1.451(5)	N(4)-Cd(1)-N(2)	94.5(2)
S(1)-O(7)	1.444(5)	N(5)#1-Cd(1)-O(1)	96.87(17)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	77.16(15)	N(5)#1-Cd(1)-O(2)	85.21(19)
O(1)-Cd(1)-N(2)	72.88(19)	N(5)#1-Cd(1)-O(3)	83.44(17)
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(2)	51.82(15)	N(5)#1-Cd(1)-O(5)	88.92(17)
O(5)-Cd(1)-O(3)	80.87(15)	N(5)#1-Cd(1)-N(2)	93.2(2)
O(5)-Cd(1)-N(2)	77.54(18)		
complex 3			
Cd(1)-O(1)	2.384(2)	O(5)-Cd(1)-O(3)	80.45(10)
Cd(1)-O(1)#1	2.385(2)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)	94.91(9)
Cd(1)-O(2)	2.546(2)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)#1	87.91(8)
Cd(1)-O(3)	2.350(2)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	90.74(9)
Cd(1)-O(5)	2.332(3)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(3)	89.63(9)
Cd(1)-N(1)	2.318(2)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(5)	92.97(9)
Cd(1)-N(2)	2.338(2)	N(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)	86.58(8)
S(1)-O(3)	1.460(2)	N(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)#1	89.09(8)
S(1)-O(4)	1.448(3)	N(2)-Cd(1)-O(2)	93.03(9)
S(1)-O(7)	1.454(3)	N(2)-Cd(1)-O(3)	87.37(9)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)#1	72.53(9)	N(2)-Cd(1)-O(5)	89.03(9)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	52.14(8)	O(4)-S(1)-O(3)	111.55(16)
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(1)#1	80.07(8)	O(4)-S(1)-O(7)	114.26(17)
O(5)-Cd(1)-O(2)	75.18(10)	O(7)-S(1)-O(3)	112.19(16)

Table. S2 Selected bond lengths /Å and bond angles /° for complexes 1-4.

complex 4			
Cd(1)-O(7)	2.3257(18)	O(10)-Cd(1)-N(31)	89.48(7)
Cd(1)-O(8)	2.3132(17)	N(11)-Cd(1)- O(10)	87.17(6)
Cd(1)-O(10)	2.2844(18)	N(11)-Cd(1)- O(8)	98.45(6)
Cd(1)-N(11)	2.364(2)	N(11)-Cd(1)- O(7)	86.51(6)
Cd(1)-N(21)	2.360(2)	N(11)-Cd(1)- N(31)	87.65(7)
Cd(1)-N(31)	2.328(2)	N(21)-Cd(1)-O(10)	89.96(6)
S(1)-O(1)	1.4698(18)	N(21)-Cd(1)-O(8)	86.45(6)
S(1)-O(2)	1.4570(18)	N(21)-Cd(1)-O(7)	97.13(6)
S(1)-O(3)	1.4573(18)	N(21)-Cd(1)-N(31)	87.23(7)
O(7)-Cd(1)-N(31)	99.59(7)	O(2)-S(1)-O(3)	111.90(11)
O(8)-Cd(1)-O(7)	85.06(7)	O(2)-S(1)-O(1)	112.04(10)
O(10)-Cd(1)-O(8)	86.63(6)	O(3)-S(1)-O(1)	113.13(11)

Symmetry operation:

For 1: #1 -x+1, -y+1, -z+1;

For **2**: #1 x+1, y, z;

For **3**: #1 -x+1, -y+1, -z+1.

Table. S3	hydrogen	bond parameters	for comp	lexes 1-4.
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complex 1				
D-H···A	d(D…H)/Å	d(H···A)/Å	d(D····A)/Å	<(DHA)/º
N1-H1AO3_#1	0.88	2.11	2.935(2)	155.7
N1-H1BO3_#2	0.88	2.35	3.220(2)	172.2
N2-H2AO3_#1	0.88	2.37	3.1312(19)	144.2
N2-H2BO2_#3	0.88	2.13	2.9737(19)	159.8
complex 2				
C1-H18O2	0.92(7)	2.35(6)	2.997(8)	127(5)
C2-H21BO3_#1	1.10(9)	2.41(9)	3.452(10)	157(6)
С18-Н37О3	0.94(7)	2.56(7)	3.246(9)	131(5)
C21-H31O6_#2	0.97(7)	2.56(7)	3.273(8)	130(5)
N2-H16AO6	0.93(6)	1.82(6)	2.721(8)	161(5)
complex 3				
<b>complex 3</b> O5-H5AO6_#1	0.86	1.86	2.711(4)	169.1
<b>complex 3</b> O5-H5AO6_#1 O5-H5BO7	0.86 0.76	1.86 2.05	2.711(4) 2.764(4)	169.1 156.6
complex 3           O5-H5AO6_#1           O5-H5BO7           O6-H6AO2	0.86 0.76 0.76	1.86 2.05 2.17	2.711(4) 2.764(4) 2.924(4)	169.1 156.6 170.5
complex 3           O5-H5AO6_#1           O5-H5BO7           O6-H6AO2           O6-H6BO4_#2	0.86 0.76 0.76 0.76	1.86 2.05 2.17 1.99	2.711(4) 2.764(4) 2.924(4) 2.694(4)	169.1 156.6 170.5 152.4
complex 3           O5-H5AO6_#1           O5-H5BO7           O6-H6AO2           O6-H6BO4_#2           complex 4	0.86 0.76 0.76 0.76	1.86 2.05 2.17 1.99	2.711(4) 2.764(4) 2.924(4) 2.694(4)	169.1 156.6 170.5 152.4
complex 3           O5-H5AO6_#1           O5-H5BO7           O6-H6AO2           O6-H6BO4_#2           complex 4           O7-H7AO9	0.86 0.76 0.76 0.76 0.76	1.86 2.05 2.17 1.99	2.711(4) 2.764(4) 2.924(4) 2.694(4) 2.786(3)	169.1 156.6 170.5 152.4 169.1
complex 3           O5-H5AO6_#1           O5-H5BO7           O6-H6AO2           O6-H6BO4_#2           complex 4           O7-H7AO9           O7-H7BO3	0.86 0.76 0.76 0.76 0.87 0.87	1.86 2.05 2.17 1.99 1.93 2.05	2.711(4) 2.764(4) 2.924(4) 2.694(4) 2.786(3) 2.828(2)	169.1 156.6 170.5 152.4 169.1 149.2
complex 3           O5-H5AO6_#1           O5-H5BO7           O6-H6AO2           O6-H6BO4_#2           complex 4           O7-H7AO9           O7-H7BO3           O8-H8AO2_#1	0.86 0.76 0.76 0.76 0.87 0.87 0.87	1.86 2.05 2.17 1.99 1.93 2.05 1.90	2.711(4) 2.764(4) 2.924(4) 2.694(4) 2.786(3) 2.828(2) 2.726(2)	169.1 156.6 170.5 152.4 169.1 149.2 156.4
complex 3         O5-H5AO6_#1         O5-H5BO7         O6-H6AO2         O6-H6BO4_#2         complex 4         O7-H7AO9         O7-H7BO3         O8-H8AO2_#1         O8-H8BO1	0.86 0.76 0.76 0.76 0.87 0.87 0.87 0.87 0.87	1.86 2.05 2.17 1.99 1.93 2.05 1.90 1.96	2.711(4) 2.764(4) 2.924(4) 2.694(4) 2.786(3) 2.828(2) 2.726(2) 2.768(2)	169.1 156.6 170.5 152.4 169.1 149.2 156.4 154.5
complex 3           O5-H5AO6_#1           O5-H5BO7           O6-H6AO2           O6-H6BO4_#2           complex 4           O7-H7AO9           O7-H7BO3           O8-H8AO2_#1           O8-H8BO1           O9-H9AO1_#1	0.86 0.76 0.76 0.76 0.87 0.87 0.87 0.87 0.87 0.87	1.86 2.05 2.17 1.99 1.93 2.05 1.90 1.96 2.03	2.711(4) 2.764(4) 2.924(4) 2.694(4) 2.786(3) 2.828(2) 2.726(2) 2.768(2) 2.896(3)	169.1 156.6 170.5 152.4 169.1 149.2 156.4 154.5 178.9

O10-H10AN41_#3	0.87	1.96	2.794(3)	160.1
O10-H10BN51_#4	0.87	1.95	2.795(3)	163.1

Symmetry operation:

For 1, #1 -x+2, -y+2, -z+1; #2 -x+1, -y+2, -z+1; #3 -x+1, -y+1, -z+1.

For **2**, #1 -x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+3/2; #2 x-1/2, -y+1/2, z+1/2.

For **3**, #1 -x+1,-y,-z+1; #2 x+1/2,-y+1/2,z+1/2.

For **4**, #1-x+1,-y+1,-z+1; #2 -x,-y+1,-z+1; #3 x+1,y,z; #4 -x+1,y-1/2,-z+1/2.